



MONDAY EVENING, JAN. 28, 1901.

SENATOR MORGAN and ex-Secretary Herbert, both of Alabama, favor the permanent interment of the remains of the ex-Confederates who were killed or died in or near Washington city, during the war between the States, in the "rebel" lot in the federal cemetery at Arlington, the confiscated property of General Lee. These remains are now buried along side of those of negro and Northern hostlers and teamsters. Ex-Confederates, with proper feeling and respect for the memory of their dead comrades, would be gratified if the remains referred to were gathered together and interred in the Confederate cemetery at Richmond, among those of the other Southern heroes buried there, but the government will not go to that expense, though it will spend a great deal more to reinter them at Arlington and increase the embellishments of that federal cemetery. But Senator Morgan and ex-Secretary Herbert have become so reconstructed that, as judged by their recent actions, the wishes of ex-Confederates have ceased to be of any consequence to them.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY would not receive an official visit from a representative of the Transvaal Republic, but he allows British officers to buy here as many horses and mules as their government may desire, and ship them to South Africa, to be used in crushing the republic referred to. But Edward VII is President McKinley's great and good friend, and every facility must be afforded him in his efforts to deprive the people of weak republics of their native countries and their independence. And then, too, Great Britain is a powerful nation, while the Boers, though game, are lacking in men and means, and are therefore without effective friends.

THE COUNTRY was shocked a year or two ago by the statement that the expenditures of one Congress amounted to a billion dollars. Those of the present one, it is now announced, will double that enormous sum, but it doesn't evoke any surprise, and probably wouldn't if it were tripled. The American people like to be plundered as well as humbugged. And as they have to pay the piper they can dance as much as they please. Lavish expenditures by the government induces a disregard of economy among the people, and the legitimate end of such a condition can only be disastrous, and cannot be long delayed.

AS STATED in the Gazette on the day it was done, Senator Martin, of Virginia, a democrat, succeeded last week in having a bill passed giving the employees of the government navy yards a yearly holiday of fifteen days, without losing their pay therefor, though it was opposed by Senator Hale, of Maine, a republican. But the labor vote of Maine was cast for the republicans two months ago, while that of Virginia was given to Mr. Bryan. Thus do Southern democrats require evil with good, and revise the order of things, by acting on the principle that a bad turn deserves a good one.

OWEN MEREDITH thought Trovatore the most delightful of all the operas, and a great many other people still think so. The death of its composer, Verdi, is a loss not only to the musical world, but to all lovers of sweet sounds, as though old, he was engaged in the composition of other operas, that would doubtless have equaled any of his previous work.

THOUGH peace negotiations are in progress, so-called "punitive" that is, looting, expeditions continue to be made by the different contingents of the allied army in the East. But peace or war is all the same to the allies in far off China, so long as plunder is in view and can be obtained by the slaughter of the unarmed people of that country.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, January 28. The statement by Charles F. W. Neely published this morning in a New York paper, that he is to see as the political scapegoat of the administration and is being hounded to prison for its blunders, caused much discussion in official Washington. He charges that a compromise of a year's imprisonment for him would be offered him by the government; that he was authorized to pay extraordinary expenses for Rathbone by direct orders from the War department; that no deception could have been practiced in the destruction of stamps; that any shortage in Cuban postal funds is apparent and not real and due to the loose system in vogue; that the pretended discovery of such shortage was the reason of an attempt by Bristow to besmirch Perry Heath and obtain his place for himself, and that opportunity for the whole transaction was made by Governor General Wood's desire to have no rival in the work of reorganizing Cuban affairs. That there is any truth in the charges no official will yet admit. A portion of his statement is that Senator Hanna is interesting himself in Rathbone's case and is preparing to visit Havana and remain there during his trial. Senator Hanna says that he has made no such

preparations and has no intention of so doing. The impression is that Neely's statement is a desperate effort to free himself after failure along other lines. Postmaster General Smith today characterized Neely's statement as "all bosh." He said that Neely will have an opportunity to say anything he wants at his trial. Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow said that Neely was properly trying to gain sympathy, and expressed the belief that "if he could be seen he would probably repudiate the interview."

In the Supreme Court today the case of Missouri vs. the State of Illinois was decided adversely to the claim of the latter that a State had no jurisdiction to bring action against another sovereign State for alleged damages done to a canal in the State through the operation of a canal for the discharge of sewage from another city. The case was brought to this court on demurrer, with the result that it was overruled and the bill sustained. Corporation Counsel Schnurischer, of St. Louis, was present at the decision, and expressed much gratification that the case which he had argued had been successful for his State.

It has been discovered that certain prominent republicans have been quietly working to defeat the appropriation bill for the improvement and enlarging the Alexandria Postoffice and Customs House. How far reaching this opposition extends is not definitely learned at present. A republican, who is in position to know, said there was more to be read between the lines than the public are yet advised.

It is said that Senator Hanna wishes all of the present officeholders in Virginia to remain in their places, to hold the republican delegates to the next national convention ready to be delivered to the man he names for President. One of the party said it might be Mark Twain, if he does as well for the next three years as he has for the past five as a political promoter.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate today was one by Mr. Lodge, to make it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 or a month's imprisonment, to decorate the flag of the United States by placing any marks or advertisements of any kind upon it.

The subject of an extra session was discussed at considerable length by the members of Congress who called at the White House this morning. "I do not see how we can avoid one," said Senator Stewart after his talk with the President. "We certainly cannot run away from Washington while there is work to be done. Legislation for the Philippines must be provided with haste. The people must not continue under the military rule indefinitely. Then there is the canal and ship subsidy legislation waiting. While I am not certain that the present shipping bill is the best we can do all must admit that some sort of aid must be given American boat builders and boat owners. Of course the big companies in the field now are doing their best to influence legislation that will benefit them more than the outsiders. And their pull or influence is bound to have an effect. They are making a strong canvass, sending out literature from the Reform Club's quarters. I suppose they are also doing what they can to influence the members of Congress by heart to heart talks. None of them have yet come to me, perhaps because they think I am too noisy. If any of them should attempt to whisper things in my ears in the corridors or in the marble room up there at the Capitol I would raise my voice and draw a crowd. Whatever discussion we had over the matter would be made public right on the spot. I can assure you of that. I do not claim to be above reproach, but when I am bought it will be at public sale with the people right there to see how it is done."

Congressman Quarles, of Virginia, was informed by the Secretary of War today that under the army bill thirty delegates would be appointed, after having passed a satisfactory competitive examination, and that as there are forty-five States, of course no one State could have more than one such appointment.

Several of the most prominent democratic members of Congress have been invited to speak at the grand democratic meeting to be held in Ohio on the 12th of February. They will go in a train of parlor cars and expect to have a "high old time."

A petition was being circulated this morning around the Capitol and in the departments for signatures, asking Congress to compel the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway to erect a new passenger depot in 131st street and E street northwest. The petition states that the accommodations for the patrons of the line in the present building are not sufficiently and comfortably arranged for the convenience of the public.

Republicans from Virginia, here today, say their party leaders will be urged to place a full State ticket in the field this year. Chairman Agnew, of the State committee; J. L. Cripps, chairman of the Alexandria city committee; George Bowden, Brown Allan, Asa Rogers, Judge Strother and others will take the matter under advisement. They say their party should at least make a showing of an organization outside of the officeholders in the State.

Mr. Frye, President pro tempore of the Senate, today received a cablegram from members of the directory of the federal party in the Philippines regarding the progress of that movement and asking for the establishment of a government and laid it before the Senate.

A delegation of the Richmond bar, composed of Messrs. Lewis, Mumford and Guy, were here yesterday to get distinguished lawyers to speak at the Marshall anniversary in their city on the 4th proximo.

The two last Presidential portfolios appointments in Virginia, those at Crowe and Lawrenceville, in the fourth district, were "organization" appointments, and were made on the recommendation of the State republican executive committee.

Among the visitors on the floor of the House today, was Colonel Pleasant Porter of the Indian Nation, who commanded a regiment of his own people in the Confederate army during the war between the States. He doesn't look much older now than he did then.

Some members of the Virginia legislature passed through here yesterday evening and this morning on their return to Richmond. They don't know any more about the vacant judgeship of the Court of Appeals than the readers of the Gazette do, and some of them even say there may be no election at all.

Congressman Lamb of the Richmond district was informed at the Postoffice department this morning that rural free delivery in the neighborhood of Richmond would be established by the first of March.

The following changes in the fourth-class positions of Virginia were made today: Levy, London county, Herman B. Smith, resigned; Zenoia, Washington county, Lee Pippin, vice Belle Miller, resigned.

Secretary of War Root has recommended to Congress that the amount to be appropriated for assistance of the army fiscal year, 1901, be increased to \$5,300,000, of which sum \$3,000,000 may be reappropriated from the unexpended balance of 1900.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Boer peace committee has sent to Commander-in-Chief Botha to know if he will receive peace delegates.

Secretary Gage reports that by the annexation of Hawaii this government has incurred an indebtedness of \$3,447,585.

Holders of upward of \$450,000,000 worth of Cuban war bonds have taken preliminary steps in Washington to get their money back.

Deputy marshals yesterday made a dash upon the encampment of Snake Indians near Enfield, I. T., and captured Chitto Harjo, Crazy Snake.

It has been decided to put off until next session action on the Olmsted bill to reduce congressional representation in states which disfranchise the negroes.

A deputy United States marshal and one of his posse were killed by "moonshiners" at their illicit whisky still in the Kentucky mountains on Saturday.

Under the provisions of the army reorganization bill, which the President may sign this week, he will have the selection of over 1,000 men from the volunteer ranks.

The Pope has issued an encyclical upon socialism, in which he exhorts Catholics to urge workmen to shun everything invested with a seditious or revolutionary character.

Prince Ching, in an interview with United States Minister Conger, expressed regret at the refusal of the ministers to give the Chinese the Forbidden City that they might prepare for the Emperor's return.

The total appropriations for this session of Congress promises to foot up \$800,000,000, so that the appropriations for the two years will reach somewhere between a billion and a half and a billion and three-quarters.

Giuseppe Verdi, noted throughout the world as a composer of operas, died early yesterday morning at Milan, Italy. In his will he bequeathed the funeral be "very modest" and that the ceremony be without music.

The Chesapeake Beach Improvement Company of Maryland acknowledges insolvency in answer to petition for receivership filed jointly by the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company and the Chesapeake Beach Hotel Company.

Memorial services for Queen Victoria were held throughout the British Empire. Many of the sermons delivered at the various churches in this country yesterday were in memory of the late Queen Victoria and eulogistic of her character.

Agulnaldo, in an interview, declares he will not accept amnesty. He says he would not trust the United States peace commissioners, and that "amnesty means slavery and obedience to the will of McKinley." "Until the Philippines have liberty and a government of their own," he continues, "this war will go on." He will put no faith in promises.

Wu Ting Fang, China's minister to the United States, replied to his critics yesterday in the course of a lecture on "Confucius and Mencius," delivered before the Society of Ethical Culture at Horticultural Hall in Philadelphia.

He said that some clergymen take offense because he took the liberty of instituting a comparison between Confucianism and Christianity but he declared there was no intention on his part to make an attack on Christianity. He said some clergymen in their attacks upon other religions, "do just what they do not want others to do." He also said that all religions teach men to be good.

THE QUEEN'S FUNERAL.

It has not yet been decided at exactly what hour the funeral of the Queen will begin on Friday next, but it will probably be about 8 o'clock in the afternoon. The train that will convey the body to London will move slowly, to enable the people of the countryside to have a good view of it.

The outline of the naval part of the funeral, which is the first of the kind in British history, shows that the ships of the channel and reserve squadrons will be stretched in a line from Spithead, and thence to Portsmouth, keeping the northern side of the route. The foreign ships will assemble at Spithead and cover the south side of the route.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

It is proposed to connect Norfolk and Portsmouth by a tunnel under Elizabeth river.

Robert Whitacre, sheriff of Fauquier county, died at his home in Reston town yesterday. He had filled the office of sheriff for more than 20 years.

It has been practically settled that the internal revenue offices of the Eastern District of Virginia will be removed from Petersburg to Richmond.

Mrs. Somerville Boyd, widow of John Boyd, died at Fort Royal yesterday, aged 76 years. She was a sister of Col. I. N. King, president of the Bank of Warren. Five children survive her.

Mr. Henry Vandevanter, of Chase City, who returned to his former home, in Loudoun, a few weeks ago, died at the residence of his brother, Mr. D. H. Vandevanter, in Waterford, on Friday. Abner O. Purcell, a prominent citizen of Hillsboro, also died last week.

The condition of Bishop F. M. Whitte, who has been ill for some time, is critical at his home in Richmond. He was attacked by grip several weeks ago, and had apparently recovered from the disease. It left him, however, with a heart trouble, and that organ greatly weakened. Bishop Whitte is seventy-eight years old.

One of the largest buildings in Roanoke, occupied as a gun manufactory by C. M. Nalls, J. A. Hoover, dealer in feed, and as a storage warehouse by Yost, Hoff & Co., dealers in farm implements, and various companies there, was totally destroyed, with contents, by fire early on Saturday morning; loss \$55,000.

The King George county health board has rescinded its order for the closing of schools and compulsory vaccination. The State board of health will send an expert today to confer with the resident physicians as to the epidemic prevailing there. As yet, there is only one case of smallpox, but there are many cases of a disease similar to measles.

The Bridgewater Mills were sold at public auction at Fredericksburg on Saturday to satisfy a deed of trust held by the Merchants and Mechanics' Building and Loan Association, and were purchased by Mrs. E. C. L. Ficklen for the sum of \$7,000 cash. These mills are situated just across the river from Falmouth, and are considered to be worth a great deal more than the price paid.

Contracts for naval work, aggregating seven and a half million dollars, were signed at the Navy department, in Washington, on Saturday, by President Outrout and Judge Payson, representing the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. The contracts were for one sheathed and armored cruiser, of 14,500 tons, to cost \$3,885,000, and for a similar cruiser unseathed, to cost \$3,775,000.

Fifty contract holders in the Mutual Fidelity Company of Baltimore began suit in Richmond on Saturday against the company, and also the Mutual Fidelity Company of Delaware and the National Trust Company of Baltimore. They ask that a receiver be appointed to take charge of all the collections and assets of the companies in this State, and an injunction will be granted restraining any of the State agents from removing any money to another State.

ROYAL CIVILITIES.

Lord Roberts and William St. John Brodrick, secretary of state and war, were present at morning prayers in Whippingham Church, Osborne, yesterday. An hour later King Edward, Queen Alexandra and all the royal personages now at Osborne arrived at the church for the memorial service. The memorial was a simple service, the hymns being sung by an unsung choir of school children. Sir Walter Parratt, private organist to the late Queen and organist to St. George's Chapel Royal, Windsor, played funeral music. The bishop of Winchester who was the preacher for the occasion, delivered an eloquent panegyric upon Victoria. He said that Emperor William's action in coming to her death bed had touched the hearts of the British people and cemented the unity and friendship of two kindred nations.

After the memorial service Emperor William and his eldest son, Crown Prince Frederick William, went to the yacht, Hohenzollern, receiving a salute of 21 guns. The Emperor took luncheon there, the guests including Lord Kintore, Colonel Carrington, who is attached to the Emperor's staff while in England; the members of the German embassy and others. Crown Prince Frederick William proposed the Emperor's health, which was drunk with "hocks." The Kaiser then drank the health of King Edward, the entire company standing.

Then the German ruler donned the uniform of a British admiral to receive visitors who might call. Among those who came were King Edward, also in the uniform of an admiral; the Duke of Devonshire; Prince Carlisle; and other royal personages, Lord Roberts and Secretary Brodrick, all in full uniforms.

The Emperor received the King at the gateway. The yacht was rolling heavily, owing to the gale, so that the Queen and the other royal ladies were prevented from accompanying the King. After tea had been served the royal party returned to Osborne House. Emperor William and the Crown Prince soon returned the visit and dined with the King.

KING'S ABSENCE EXPLAINED.—An explanation is now made of the unexpected absence of the King from St. James' Palace on Thursday, when the proclamation was read. When Sir William Harcourt was Home Secretary many years ago the Queen sent him a sealed package with instructions that it should not be opened until after her death. Sir William's son went to the Home Office on Wednesday and found the package, which was sent to the King. It contained instructions from the Queen on various points connected with the opening of the new reign. There was also a recommendation that her successor should not be present at the reading of the proclamation and also that he should not visit the city in state. The King observed all the recommendations.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel full after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at Richard Gibson's drug store.

The merited reputation for curing piles, sores and skin diseases acquired by DeWitt's Little Early Balm has led to the making of worthless counterfeits. Be sure to get only DeWitt's Balm.

LEGISLATURE MATTERS.

It is stated that there will be no legislation at this session of the General Assembly. The Senate will adhere to its stand.

It is practically settled that the joint committee on privileges and elections shall first consider all resolutions and bills pertaining to the constitutional convention, report a measure to the caucus and have it discussed at length. This was the conclusion agreed upon by the committee on privileges and elections at a joint session held Saturday, at which were present a majority of the members representing both houses.

The fact that general legislation will be opposed is due in large measure to the possibility that the famous measure of valuation act might possibly be again introduced. This bill was passed by the Legislature last winter and was declared unconstitutional by the Court of Appeals. The Senate does not want that bill to come before the body.

Prominent members of the caucus declare that they will force a nomination for supreme judge tonight, even if they have to change the rules so that a man once dropped can only be placed in nomination one time more. Mann's followers were offering odds on his election on Saturday, but the general public ere of the opinion that Whitte will win out.

A very interesting question concerning the constitution that will soon be drafted has arisen. The State democratic convention at Norfolk in May declared that the people should be given the opportunity of voting to accept or to reject the organic law. It is claimed by some of the democratic leaders that only those entitled to vote under the new constitution can cast their ballots. This is important inasmuch as the new constitution will certainly disfranchise a number of illiterate colored people.

Delegate E. C. Jordan, of Frederick county, will re-introduce his bill to cut down criminal expenses which was defeated by a close vote last winter. This measure places the expenses in misdemeanor cases upon the cities and counties. Mr. Jordan says this bill will unquestionably pass.

A dispatch from Richmond says: It is hardly an exaggeration to estimate that the convention will be composed of at least 60 or 70 per cent. of members of the Legislature. It is just as fair to suppose that another 10 or 15 per cent. will be drawn from the judiciary and other office-holding classes. There are already more than a score of judges, supreme, circuit or county, mentioned in connection with places in the convention. This class will make a big fight to get in and will be pretty apt to come very near succeeding in many cases.

WILL NOT PAY INSURANCE.—At the office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company it was said this morning that the company would not pay the \$240,000 insurance policy on the life of Jas. C. Pearson, President of the Pearson Nail Company, of Boston, who died in that city Thursday, January 10, two days after the first premium had been paid. "Mr. Pearson applied in December last for a \$240,000 policy," said an officer of the company, "and after an examination by three physicians of the company he was pronounced physically sound and healthy. The application was passed on and accepted later. It was not until January 8 that Mr. Pearson's lawyer from Boston appeared here and paid the first premium, whereupon the policy was delivered to him. Two days later came news of Mr. Pearson's death after an operation for appendicitis in the Elliot Hospital there, where he had been taken very ill on the same day that his lawyer made the first premium payment."

"Now in his signed application for a policy Mr. Pearson expressly agreed that the contract should not take effect until the first premium shall have been paid during any continuance in good health." When the money was turned in was dangerously ill, and the contract is, therefore, void. Under the circumstances, the company will not settle the policy, but will return, of course, the first premium to the dead man's estate."—[New York Post January 25.]

THE KAISER HONORED.—Yesterday was the forty-second anniversary of the birth of Emperor William. His presence at Cowes, England, was made the occasion of personally conferring on him two of the highest honors that the English sovereign has to bestow. King Edward, in congratulating the German Emperor, appointed him a field marshal of the British army and also presented to him, with his own hands, the insignia of the Order of the Garter, set with diamonds. Had the Queen lived she intended to present the insignia to his majesty on his birthday. Emperor William expressed his pride in the honor of receiving both distinctions.

A BIG FORT.—It has been decided that the fort to be erected at Cape Henry shall be one of the largest in the world. The entrance to the Virginia capes, guarding Baltimore and Washington, as well as Norfolk, Richmond and the Newport News shipyard, now guarded by Fort Monroe, will be further protected from a possible enemy's fleet by the erection of the strong work, for which all the plans have been prepared. It will be armed with stationary and disappearing rifles and with a mortar battery, making it a second Fort Monroe.

SENT TO THE PENITENTIARY.—In the Fairfax county court last week, Raymond Newton, charged with robbing Mrs. Hough on the highway, near Falls Church a few weeks ago, was found guilty and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. By consent of the attorneys on both sides the sentence was set aside and he was sent to the reform school instead for the same number of years.

LIVING STATUES.—Indian and Highland servants remain constantly on duty at Osborne House where the Queen lives, and around the tier stand four guardsmen, with their rifles over their shoulders, fixed, as statues. The strain is so great that they have to be relieved every hour. One of the guardsmen fainting during a correspondence's visit and had to be borne out of the room. The effect of these soldiers, standing like wax work figures, is scarcely conceivable, and, except for their stiff breathing, the privileged spectator could hardly convince himself that they were actually alive.

Cut this out and take it to Richard Gibson's drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

The Hague, Jan. 28.—Reports printed in England to the effect that President Kruger is critically ill are without foundation. He is very well and has practically recovered from the operation on his eyes.

Rome, Jan. 28.—The Dutch steamer Holland, from London for Rotterdam, sank in the Mass Luis today. Eleven of the vessel's crew, four passengers and a pilot were drowned. The ship's master and six members of the crew were rescued. The Holland parted amidships and sank almost immediately.

Madrid, Jan. 28.—A fishing boat has come down off Busuj, with twenty-one men.

Cowes, Jan. 28.—Residents of the Isle of Wight who were on the Queen's visiting list and also officers of the army and navy, in full uniform, were allowed to pass through the chapel where the Queen's body lies today.

Cowes, Jan. 28.—The German Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm was invested with the Order of the Garter by King Edward at 10 o'clock this morning. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the Kaiser and the members of the royal family. The Kaiser will shortly decorate Prince Arthur, the Duke of Connaught, with the Order of the Red Eagle. King Edward and the Kaiser will go to London tomorrow, returning to Osborne before Friday.

London, Jan. 28.—Sir John William Maclure, member of Parliament in the conservative interest, for Stretford division of Lancashire, since 1886, is dead, in his 67th year. He was a director of various railway and other companies and prominent as a charity worker.

The Mill Girl's Assaults.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 28.—George J. Kerr, who was implicated in the assault and murder of Jennie Boschetti, the young mill girl, pleaded non vult to the charge of rape and was remanded for sentence this morning. The plea was accepted by Prosecutor Emely. This unexpected ending of the trial in the famous case cause a sensation.

John W. Harding, counsel for Kerr, came into court and in an extended argument made the plea for Kerr. Judge Dixon will render his verdict tomorrow. The punishment that can be imposed in Kerr's case is fifteen years. His accomplice, who were found guilty of murder in the second degree, are liable to receive thirty years. Hugh Kerr, father of the man who pleaded guilty today is slowly dying at his home. Shame and grief over his son's predicament are believed to have led to his illness.

John W. Harding, Kerr's counsel, explained that he entered the plea of non vult, because in view of the present temper of the community, it would be impossible to secure an unbiased jury for his client. Harding thought that if a substituted jury could be obtained a verdict of acquittal would be rendered. Here Judge Dixon interrupted the lawyer, saying the jury who had tried the three men were biased in their favor, and added: "If I had been on the petit jury I would have voted to send these three men to the gallows."

Armour's Will.

Chicago, Jan. 28.—The will of the late Philip D. Armour, was filed for probate this morning. The value of the estate is \$15,000,000, \$100,000 of which is in personal property. The only legatees mentioned in the will, are the widow J. Ogden Armour, his son, and Lester and Philip D. Armour, three grandsons. J. Ogden Armour and the widow are named as executor and executrix.

The will divides the estate between the mother and Ogden Armour in equal shares but provides that if the grand children, Lester and Philip, reach the age of thirty, they shall have a million each. The value of the estate was a surprise. It had been estimated to be worth all the way from \$30,000,000 to \$70,000,000.

A Bigamist Sentenced.

New York, Jan. 28.—George W. Howard this morning, in Brooklyn, pleaded guilty to an indictment for bigamy. Judge Hurd sentenced him to imprisonment at Sing Sing for two years and ten months. On September 17 last Howard married Miss Helen Penrose Hawkes, daughter of Henry Hawkes, of Brooklyn. In the indictment he was charged with having married her while he still has a living wife in Cambridge, Mass., a wife, formerly Anna R. Kay, and a son. Howard is thirty-eight years old and is a man of fine appearance. Counsel for Howard, addressing the court before sentence, said that the defendant wished to state emphatically that Miss Hawkes at the time of her marriage to him was ignorant of the existence of his lawful wife and that his wife in Cambridge did not in any way connive at his marriage to Miss Hawkes.

From China.

Shanghai, Jan. 28.—It is reported from Chinese sources that the government at Singan-nu has ordered the decapitation of Yu Hsien, former governor of Shensi and of Prince Chwang, also that Chiao Shu Chiao, a notorious anti-foreigner, be cashiered. It was only recently reported that Yu Hsien had been decapitated, but the report was not confirmed. Prince Chwang was reported last fall to have been degraded and at the same time Chiao Shu Chiao was said to have been handed over to the Imperial Clan court for trial. It was later reported he had been cashiered.

The incredible statement is made that Russia has agreed to restore the province of Manchuria to China and will ask no war indemnity.

Disastrous Wreck. New York, Jan. 28.—Three Italians were killed and several persons were injured in a railroad collision this morning on the West Shore railroad at Weehawken, N. J. An incoming passenger train crashed into a gravel train which stood on a siding. The rear car of the gravel train was a box car in which the Italian laborers were sleeping. This was smashed and the three men instantly killed. The passengers on the express were thrown from their seats and fifteen were slightly hurt.

Salisbury to Retire. London, Jan. 28.—It is stated in official circles that Lord Salisbury, believing that his work was done with Victoria's reign, will retire after a decent interval and that Arthur J. Balfour will succeed him as prime minister. Mr. Balfour is the government leader in the House of Commons, and has enjoyed the closest relations with Lord Salisbury. He was Salisbury's private secretary when the Marquis was secretary of foreign affairs.

Twins Every Two Years. York, Pa., Jan. 28.—Daniel Collins, of this place, is the father of twins every two years. The last pair was presented by his wife, Mrs. Collins, on Jan. 27. All have been born within eight days.

The most soothing, healing and antiseptic application ever devised is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It relieves at once and cures piles, sores, eczema and skin diseases. Beware of imitations.

Rescued in Mid-Ocean.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 28.—The steamer Barcelona put in here this morning and landed the crew of eighteen men of the Italian bark Carera which the Barcelona rescued on the 18th instant in mid-ocean when the Italian bark was water-logged and in a sinking condition. The rescue was made with great difficulty owing to the heavy sea prevailing. The Barcelona had a terrific passage, her decks being constantly swept by heavy seas.

The Fight On. Columbus, O., Jan. 28.—The State of Ohio is to join the Jeffries-Bullfinch prize fight. Attorney-General Sheets will file the suit in the Cincinnati Courts tomorrow. Injunction will be asked on the ground that the exhibition scheduled is a public nuisance and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio. The proposed action is endorsed by Governor Nash.

The Markets. Georgetown, Jan. 28.—Wheat 65¢ 7/2.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, January 28.

SENATE.

The credentials of Hon. J. H. Berry, of Arkansas, Senator-elect, were presented by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Towne, of Minnesota, called up his resolution asking for the independence of the Philippine and spoke thereon.

Mr. Towne began by referring to the Filipino petition presented a few days ago by Senator Teller. "The signers of that petition," he said, "were peaceable tradesmen, mechanics, lawyers, doctors, teachers, mechanics and artisans at Manila, and they spoke the sentiments and aspirations of the Philippine people for independence and self government. In my opinion, Mr. President, the prayer of this people should be granted. No less advantage than justice, no less glory than duty, demands it." Mr. Towne brought forth many official records to prove that there was indeed an American alliance with the Philippines "sought by ourselves, availed of by us for our own advantage, and finally to our everlasting shame in the estimation of honorable men, repudiated by us when we found it no longer necessary, and when lust of empire had so blunted our moral sensibilities that we could mount from an act of perfidy to the grand larceny of a nation." Mr. Towne is the remainder of his speech gave a succinct history of the dealings of the administration with the Philippine Islands, and showed the many paradoxes which have resulted, alleged acts, bad faith, &c.

The galleries were well filled when Mr. Towne began his speech, and the closest attention was given him, though the representation on the floor of the Senate was not great. He spoke in a clear and pleasing manner but there was almost an entire absence of gesture, the emphasis being his most impressive utterances being merely those of the voice.

Before Mr. Towne had been on his feet half an hour, every democratic Senator was in his seat and along the wall on the democratic side was a long line of democratic and populist members of the House. A conspicuous feature of the republican side was the number of empty seats. Most of the leading republican Senators occupied the time taken by the speaker in perusing reports or attending to correspondence.

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The Speaker announced Representatives Dalzell, Grosvenor and Richardson as the House members of a joint committee to arrange a programme for